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I'm sorry to report that the Oshkosh Coin Club disbanded in June. While I had heard several years ago that attendance was on the decline it recently reached a point where meetings were not being held because no one was in attendance. A result of the disbanding was the donation of the Oshkosh Coin Club's assets to NOW, which included cash, show cases, an assortment of Oshkosh Civil War Store Cards, U.S. proofs, and Canadian proof-like coins. I would like to publicly thank the members of the Oshkosh

President's message

Coin Club for their generous donation to NOW. The Board is currently deciding the fate of the above mentioned items.

Please note elsewhere in the NOW NEWS the change in date and location of next years 31st Annual NOW Convention being hosted by the Numismatic Research Society in Oshkosh. As I had briefly mentioned in the June, 1990 issue of the NEWS the NOW Board is concerned about the success of our annual shows. From past history it seems apparent that holding our show in mid to late May and requiring a two day show has been a hindrance to having a successful show. At the annual meeting the suggestion was made that if possible the NRS should consider changing the show and limit it to a one day show. Hopefully the change in dates will provide for a more successful show for both NOW and NRS. I think the success of a

show should be measured by attendance, dealer participation and financial profit. The financial success is probably the most important since most clubs do not have unlimited financial resources and hosting a NOW annual show should not put a club into financial distress. A change in policy in regard to hosting the NOW annual show should at least help to insure the financial success of the show for both the local host club and NOW.

Apparently attendance has been on the decline at coin shows lately; local, regional and national. Could it be the reported recession has already hit the numismatic scene or are collectors fed up with the "slab" market which is being so heavily marketed. More about this later. Numismatically yours, Mike.

COIN CLINIC

What is the meaning of "Jeton?"

Jeton, or jetton, is the French word for counters which were used as imitation money on counting boards to facilitate the calculation of accounts. Most of the counters were made in Nuremberg, Germany, and were called Nuremberg Tokens. They were also called Monastery tokens or counters. The most prolific manufacturer of the pieces was Hans Krauwinckel (1580-1610) whose name often can be found on counters, or jetons. Some of the pieces also were used on a local basis for small change.

WE NEED HELP! ;! WE NEED HELP! ;!

The December issue of NOW NEWS is going to be **busy**, what with the State Show in February and having to have elections and with Christmas so close, we, the editorial staff would like the help of everyone. We would like to close the December issue by Monday, November 19th, so we can get the book off to the printers and in the mail before the Christmas mail.

We'll need:

President's message
Brief history's of nominees
OSHKOSH - All information on
State Show
Show dates
Grapevine is running dry

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

In accordance with Article 1 Section 1 of the NOW by-laws, a call for nominations of officers shall be made in the September Issue of NOW NEWS. All nominations must be made in writing and by a regular or life member of NOW.

Each and every member should exercise this key franchise of membership, grass roots involvement in our organization means your representatives implement your ideas.

Officers whose term expire are:

B.O.G. Ron Calkins
B.O.G. Tom Casper
B.O.G. Cliff Manthe
B.O.G. Harold Helm

Nominations will close November 1, 1990. Please send your nominations to:

Ron Calkins
Box 155
Mazomanie, WI 53560

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NOMINEE'S

For those of you who get nominated and accept, Please close a brief history about yourself, so the new members that sign up during the year will have opportunity to get to know you are.

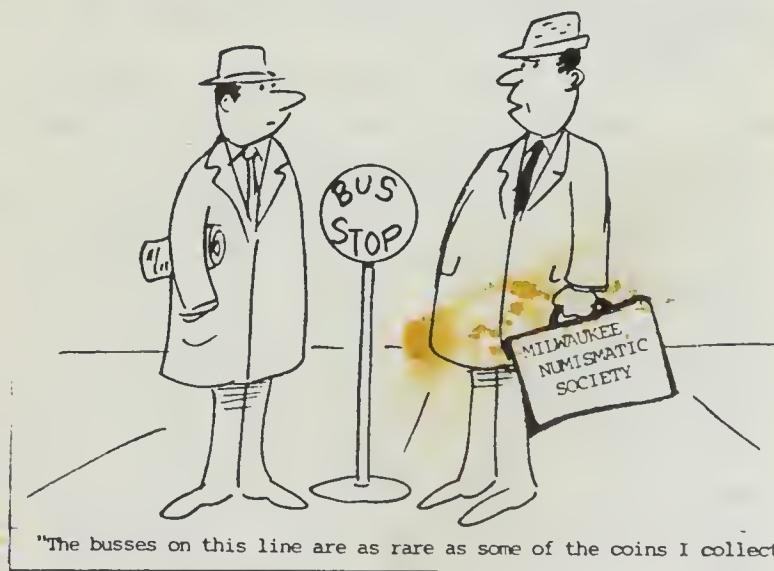
NOTICE

The NOW Convention slated for May 4th & 5th, has been changed to FEBRUARY 17, 1990.

The NOW show will be held at Holiday Inn, 9th Street exit on US 41, hosted by Numismatic Research Society.

For further information Contact: Bob Van Ryzin, 329½ Granite Street, Waupaca, WI 54981 or Randy Miller, P.O. Box 254, Oshkosh, WI 54902.

REMEMBER now change your calendar date to February 17, 1990. for the NOW Convention. Hope to see you all there and help make it a great success.



COIN CLINIC

Only one three-cent coin carries a mint mark. That is the 1851 issue from New Orleans which carries the O mint mark. All of the other three-cent coins, nickel and silver, were minted in Philadelphia.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER ARRIVED FROM THE OSHKOSH COIN CLUB:

The June 14th special meeting of the Oshkosh Coin Club was held in the lecture room of the Oshkosh Public Museum presided over by our acting president Mark Feruson. Minutes of the 3 previous meetings were read and approved as read. The financial report was given and accepted as given. There were 13 members and 3 guests present. Each member was asked to present their views about the future of the club. All present did not see any real future for the club at present. Elizabeth Neumueller hoped the club could somehow survive. A motion was made by Ron Metz, seconded by Ron Saft to take a vote to disband after all assets were properly disposed of and all other business was taken care of. Motion carried. Letters were read from the Voecks, Gene Johnson and a phone message to Harold Helm from Randy Miller and Bob Van Ryzin all gave their opinion on the disposition of the club assets. The Constitutional amendment on the disposition of assets in case of Disbandment was read. It is as follows: Article V. Disbandment of the club. In event that the Oshkosh Coin Club shall decide to disband, all assets belonging to the club, shall be distributed exclusively to such charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational organizations as determined by the reigning Board of Governors. In no case may any assets belonging to the club at the time of disbanding, be claimed or sold to any person or member past or present of the Oshkosh Coin Club. Passed February 7, 1973.

Since we no longer have a Board of Governors, A motion was made by Ron Metz, seconded by Jeff Krohn to name all members present at this meeting as Board of Governors. Motion carried. A motion was made by Ron Saft, seconded by Ron Metz to give the paper money to the Museum. Motion carried. Also to give the money in the checking account after deducting any out standing expenses and all assets in the safe deposit box to the State Organization (N.O.W.) A motion was made by Ron Metz, seconded by Harold Helm to send all members a copy of the minutes so they would all know what the decision of the members at the meeting was. Motion carried. I was asked what I wanted done with the ticket cage and two cases I bought. I decided I wished to keep them. The club approved. A motion was made by Ron Metz, seconded by Jeff Krohn to destroy all materials pertaining to the club and to keep only what I deemed to be of some historic value about the club. Motion carried.

The Rose Luker Trophy was given for achievement on behalf of the club. Ron Metz suggested the trophy be properly engraved and given to me for all my years as secretary. Club members agreed. The Blanchette Trophy was given in memory of my late husband the members all agreed that trophy should be given to me also. Thanks to all of you.

A vote was taken by written ballot on disbanding the club according to the motion made at the beginning of the meeting. Neva Helm, a guest, counted the ballots. The vote was unanimous for disbanding. Ballots were then destroyed. There being no further business. A motion was made by Ron

ntz, seconded by Bob Zelhofer to adjourn. Motion carried.

Members said their sad "Good Ees" for now. We hope maybe one day we can all get together for a reunion.

Espectfully submitted:

Secretary -

Jene L. Blanchette

I AT NOW ARE SORRY TO SEE THIS CLUB DISBAND. I HOPE EVERYONE WILL KEEP IN TOUCH.

MILWAUKEE'S WOODY

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society had issued a wooden nickel for their 56th Annual Coin Show to be held at the MECCA Convention Center in downtown Milwaukee on September 28th through the 30th.

Persons interested in obtaining the nickel can order for 25¢ each or 5 for one dollar, plus a self-addressed stamped envelope from David Hunsicker, 19 South 9th Avenue, West Bend, WI 53095.



SILVER VITAL TO INDUSTRY OF
TODAY AND TOMORROW

Since the beginning of the Age of Electricity, silver has been the contact material of choice. According to a speech given at the recent Annual Meeting of The Silver Institute by Robert Gentry, Technical Service Manager, Engelhard Corp., the five most important reasons for silver being industry's electrical contact material of choice are: 1) Silver has the highest electrical conductivity of all metals; 2) Its thermal conducting properties are similar to its electrical conducting properties; 3) Silver has long-term chemical stability; 4) It is highly resistant to mechanical wear; and 5) Its use as a contact material is cost effective.

NO MORE COLORADO OR MARYLAND STATE TAXES ON SILVER BULLION COINS AND BARS. WASHINGTON, D.C. As of July 1, 1990, Maryland bullion and coin dealers will no longer have to charge state sales tax on sales of silver bullion coins and bars which exceed \$1,000; Colorado no longer charges state sales tax on any size purchase of any silver bullion coin or bar. (for additional information, please call Michael Brown at The Silver Institute (202)783-0500).

FROM THE SILVER
INSTITUTE

SEND US YOUR CLUB NEWS TODAY.



MacPuter News

It doesn't seem possible fall is here and summer's gone before it started. Ah well...

Hope your summer was as enjoyable as ours. We attended a couple of coin shows, went to a nation-wide Model A Ford Convention in Dearborn, Michigan (yes, we drove the 1930 coupe -- 1,050 miles) and, as usual, we did not get nearly as much done as we planned this summer.

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Elsewhere in this issue you'll find a call for nominations for our Board of Governors. We know this seems early, but our state show for next year is only a 1-day show held February 17th at Oshkosh. This is 2 months earlier than past spring shows, but falls on Oshkosh's normal show date -- a sure ingredient for success. We'll be including ballots with the next issue, so get your nominations in soon - by Nov. 1. Remember, the nominees must be a paid-up member of NOW. Every year

one or two persons are nominated who have forgotten to pay their dues. Once the nomination is received, we contact each nominee for acceptance before their name is added to the ballot. Look for them in the next issue of NOW News and be sure to vote.

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Remember, Life Memberships are still only \$60 thru the end of December -- and then they'll be \$80.

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Our NOW News editor, Pete Phillips, is always looking for good articles. Why not join our NOW Writer's Guild? Dues are only \$1 per year and cash prizes are awarded at the NOW Annual Convention for the best article submitted by a member. For more information about this writer's group, please contact Harold Helm, 119 W. 9th Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

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Also in this issue note the article on business card advertisements -- we hope many of you will want to take advantage of our new offering.



MacPuter News

WOODEN MONEY

Part 2. Enjoying The Hobby

By Dan W. Scheid - WNWA

Most collectors get started in collecting wooden money in a small way. As with coins, there are those who collect oddities in woods and varieties. Some collect SAMBO Restaurant woods, Mc Donalds, Coca Cola, and the like -- some even go pot-luck style (any and all issues). Others collect only "home state" issues while some collect official and semi-official issues of cities and towns for centennials and special events. There are hundreds of private issues that sell for as low as 15¢ or 2 for 25¢ -- sometimes even free. All of them are very interesting including those from coin clubs, Christmas woods, or mavericks. The official and semi-official issues generally command a higher price to acquire. One of the largest collections known belongs to Ted Woerterton of Strasberg, Pennsylvania which he exhibited at the American Numismatic Convention at Pittsburgh in 1989 (Numismatic News, September 19, 1989). The wooden money was displayed in 91 frames on both sides of easels measuring a total of 102 feet in length. More than 20,000 items filled the 91 cases. The Collection was the work of the late Clarence Kramer of Pennsylvania, a man known as the "King of Wooden Money." Mr. Kramer passed away in 1988. He had been putting the collection together since 1957. Woerterton acquired it from Kramer's estate. It was the first time the collection had been shown in it's entirety but since then has been partly shown at other coin shows.

Collecting wooden money is one of the fastest growing hobbies in America. It doesn't matter what kind of wooden money you collect. Whatever brings happiness to a collector is what is the most important. By definition, quite simply, a collectible is anything that can be collected. Wooden Money, rare coins, comic books, baseball cards, picture post cards, barbed wire, movie posters, art and rugs -- all fall under the collectibles umbrella. Collecting items for personal enjoyment is the important thing, as the esthetic rewards most times far outweigh any financial risks. My advice is to collect what you want. Don't go around translating objects into dollar signs. Work at acquiring expertise in the wood money field. Buy the books that are issued and read them. Without knowledge, a person does not have much enjoyment. Write to the other members in DWMC, make friends, and you will be surprised at the joy to be gained from an interesting and educational hobby. The bottom line is to maintain your membership in DWMC and enjoy the hobby with many others.

WOODEN MONEY

Part III. Terminology Used

By Dan W. Scheid - WNWA

Sometimes we tend to forget that new members join DWMC every year and generally are not experts or old-timers in the hobby. Therefore, some of the language used by those of us who have been at it for awhile may be a bit confusing to others. Since some of that terminology has been used in earlier parts of this article, the following is generally accepted by most collectors of wooden money:

Official: A wood that is issued for an official function or event such as centennial, fair, rodeo, etc. by a group representing the town, state, county, borough, etc. A good official wood had the town or city, state, function, and date (including year) printed on it.

Semi-official: As the above, except that it is issued by a private party or company. Generally their name is on the wood also.

Coin Club (or numismatic association): A wood issued by a coin club for a coin show, anniversary, meeting time, etc.

Christmas Wood (or other holidays): Issued at the holiday time in lieu of a (Christmas) card or as a tuck-in with a card. Many of these are in the form of wood "flats."

Private Wood: Issued by a person, church, or company for a special event such as a wedding, barmitvah, or birth, or to promote a product or service. City or town, state, date and event should be printed on it. Do not confuse with merchant tokens (below).

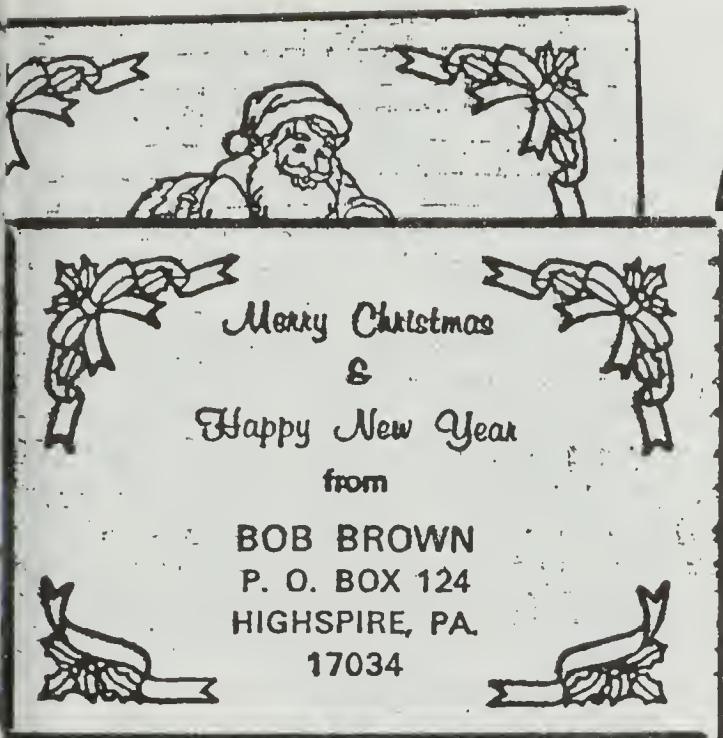
Maverick: A wood that does not show the town or state, and it's origin is not known. Some official, semi-official, private and coin club woods do not have the state indicated on them. When this occurs, until it can be determined where the wood is from, it is classified as a "maverick." Some mavericks are impossible to identify, examples would be Pepsi Cola, motel chains, and the like. In some cases the origin of a maverick can be identified by a Zip Code or telephone number printed on it.

Merchant Tokens ("good Fors"): Woods issued by a merchant or company to promote business. The words "good for" or similar are printed on it along with the name (and generally the address) of the merchant. Examples would be "Good For 25¢ In Trade" or "Good For A Cup of Coffee".

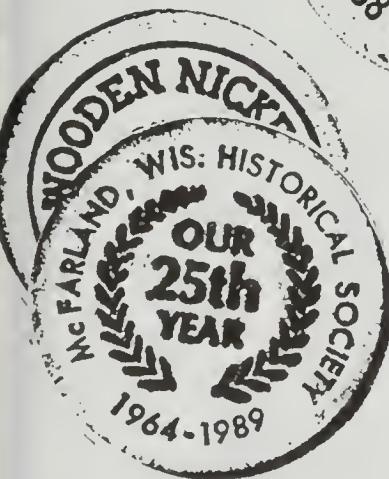
Wood Nickel: Woods that are approximately 1½" in diameter.

Wood Dollar: Woods that are approximately 2" in diameter.

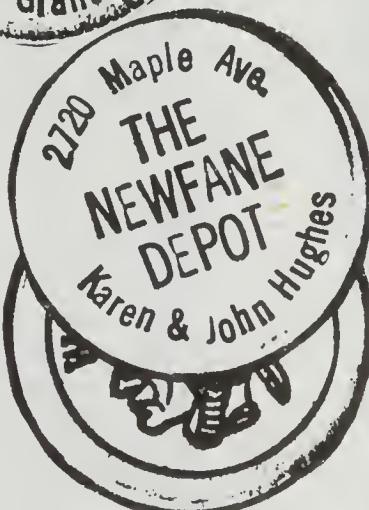
Flats: Woods ranging in several sizes such as 2" x 3" or 2 3/4" x 4". They are commonly used for Christmas woods but have other uses.



1989 "Flat" Wood
Christmas Greeting



"Official" Wood
1965-1989

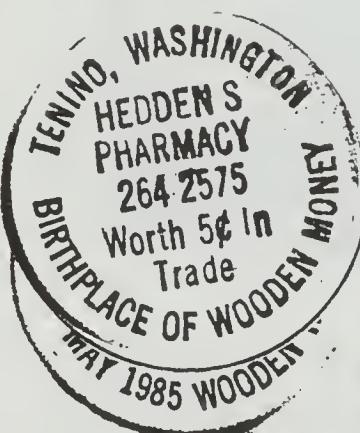
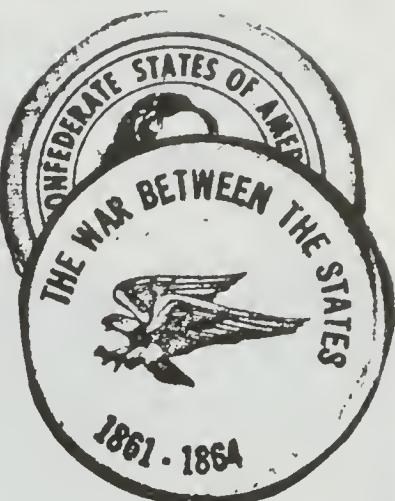


"Maverick" -- No Town,
State, Or Date



"Private" Wood
1989 -- Mexico

Civil War Wood
1861-65



1985 Tenino, WA Wood
Birthplace Of
Wooden Money



Sambo's Wood
"Specialty" No Longer
Available -- Collected
By Many

There are some "purists" in the wood money collecting hobby that will not collect anything but items which contain the state, city, and date with the year printed on them. These seem to be of basic importance for many wood collectors.

Hopefully, this list of terminology will prove to be helpful to collectors in our wood money hobby.

MIDWEST RARITY-COIN GLASS

By Gene Johnson - WNWA

When the electric numismatic collection of Gorden Gill was sold in 1986, your author became the owner of two small coin glass items, and a carefully shepherded file of information on "original" coin glass which I would like to share with NOW NEWS readers.

The numismatic splinter that veteran collectors refer to as "coin glass" is a fascinating mid-west rarity.

A product of the gay 90s, the quaint and beautiful collectibles are sought after by both pattern glass antique hunters, and numismatic specialists who desire ownership of an example of this ultra rare cross dresser.

The coin glass of the 1892 era was of poor manufacturing quality, and would equate to "carnival glass" or other souvenir glass of later dates. It was indeed manufactured as a low priced souvenir sale item for the Chicago Worlds Fair of 1892-1893.

While the glass used, and the molds designed were not fancy, the coin impressions were beautiful! The Liberty Seated impressions were of actual size, and in some cases frosted to enhance the coin design beauty.

Coins used in the designs were the Liberty Seated Half Dime, Dime, 20 Cent Piece, Quarter, and Half Dollar. The one dollar molds featured the Morgan type design. The 1891 Seated Liberty motif indicates

the glass designs and molds were prepared prior to 1892 when the Barber series was first minted. Another incongruous design error was that the reverse pressings do not have the "IN GOD WE TRUST" motto.

while no real evidence seems to exist in the records of the Columbian expo Museum at Columbus, Wisconsin, numismatic scholars agree that Federal officers halted the sale of coin glass at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago on grounds that the coin designs constituted counterfeiting!

In the Witch hunt that followed the initial discovery of the coin glass at the Fair, federal agents raided the glass factory at Wheeling, West Virginia and destroyed the manufacturing molds and all finished pieces on hand.

A systematic seizure of glass in the hands of retailers followed, and altho some pieces were reputed to have been hidden and later funneled to collectors, the bulk of the glass was destroyed. This explains the rarity of coin glass, but what of its origin?

The Central Glass Company of Wheeling, West Virginia was a "Biggie" in glass manufacture in 1892. Having its founding roots in the Civil war period, they specialized in Saloon glassware and Kerosene lamps in a time where tin ware was common than glass in the average home.

There are several explanations of just why the Wheeling glass works created the coin

glass of 1892, most popular is the theory that "Free Silver", a strong political position espoused by Williams Jennings Bryan, was responsible for the designs.

When Federal regulations shut down the manufacture of Wheeling coin glass, a series of "Columbian" coin glass was manufactured with Amerigo Vespucci and Columbus in place of the coin designs. This series was not well received by the public, which supports the theory that Free Silver was responsible for the coin glass designs.

There have been at least two reproductive attempts to duplicate the Wheeling coin glass, one in the 1930s, and another in the 1970s. Both attempts used the coin glass toothpick holder, and both were stopped by the Federal Government.

How rare is coin glass? There may be as many as 300 total pieces in existence, and there are 50 known types. This means only one example is known of some of the larger pieces, and the smaller "common" pieces are valued at several hundred dollars each. 1960 era Gill correspondence with coin glass collectors reveals most pieces available to be chipped, broken or otherwise damaged duplicates from long time collections. This no doubt was due to the poor quality glass used in these low priced souvenir type products. What little coin glass that exists outside major collections is almost totally found in the

Midwest.

Numismatically speaking, tho not a government issue, the popularity of coin glass is due to its coin design beauty, and artificial rarity, created as in many coin issues, by the United States Treasury Department.



RARE FOOTED SAUCE DISH WITH SERRATED TOP. FROSTED QUARTER DOLLAR DESIGN.



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The Demise of a Coin Club

The Oshkosh Coin Club was in existence for 30 years. The club was started in 1960, with 28 adults and 5 Junior Charter members. The clubs growth was steady through the 60's and early 70's. We reached our top membership of 55 members. We lost some members through illness, death, and the case of junior members going away to college. Our meetings continued to be well attended. Our Coin shows were well attended and profitable. In 1978, the ANA introduced a new coin grading system. Not all collectors liked the new system.

In late 1979 and early 1980's silver and gold prices went wild, silver was selling for 3 and 24 times its dollar value.

A lot of silver coins normally found in circulation disappeared. Collectors finding coins in change were facing disappointment. In the 1980's, the ANA added a lot more numbers to the grading system especially in the better grades. Coin collecting turned into an investment type thing. A small collector trying to upgrade his collection was priced out of the market. Many coins bought in uncirculated condition earlier were downgraded to about uncirculated when you tried to sell them. This was very discouraging to many collectors. Coin robberies were on the increase, insurance was very expensive and keeping a

collection in a bank vault was far from satisfying to the true collector. Coin club's suffered as members sold their collections and left the club. Oshkosh Coin Club was no exception, our membership began to decline, and all efforts to revive interest in the club failed, something had to be done. Only 4 of the original Charter members still remained with the club.

A special meeting was called June 13, 1990 to discuss the future of the club. Three of the original Charter members and ten of the most interested in the club attended. After much discussion, a vote was taken on whether to disband the club. The vote was unanimous for disbandment. The once thriving Oshkosh Coin Club became a thing of the past.

Our collection of Oshkosh Civil War Tokens and our Oshkosh Bank Note collection were donated to the Oshkosh Public Museum. Both collections were on loan and already on display at the Museum. All of our cash and other assets were donated to the NOW. Saying "goodbye" to a coin club you worked so many years for was not easy.

We bid a sad "Goodbye" to the once proud Oshkosh Coin Club, but not to all the great friends we made locally and around the State. They will always be with us. I hope some day our members will be able to get together for a reunion.

IRENE L. BLANCHETTE, Charter member, 25years-serving as secretary/treasurer.

NUMISMATIC USES FOR THE COMPUTER

By August Jackson - WNWA

In todays world it seems that computers are everywhere. Many of us already use them at work, school, or in the home, while many others are thinking about buying one or are dreading that they may have to learn how to use one at work.

Quite a few numismatists use computers; YNs are especially adept in this area because they are introduced to computers in school. The use of computers by numismatists makes good sense considering the diverse abilities of the computer. The computer can help its user out in any avenue of numismatics.

A use that ALL numismatists can find for the computer, regardless of how active they are in numismatic organizations or what area of numismatics they specialize in, is the database. In database, the user creates categories under which items can be recorded and organized. Coins can be organized under such categories as COUNTRY OF ISSUE, DENOMINATION, DATE, MINIMARK, CONDITION, ETC. The computer can then organize the user's coins in a variety of ways. The database is highly superior to the old ways of keeping records on index cards or notebooks; it cuts down on the amount of time an individual must spend on organizing his records. I keep the catalog of the coins of my collection on database, and it is many times better than the old methods of keeping track of a

collection, all of which I have tried. A computer user can also keep track of addresses, phone numbers, and his or her schedule with a database.

For the numismatist who has a hard time keeping track of expenses on club memberships, subscriptions to the various publications, travel, and/or the expenses of a vest-pocket dealer, there is the spreadsheet. It is simply an accounting program in which you enter the data on expenses and the computer performs calculations which you require to calculate expenses; It allows you to throw away that old ledger and calculator.

Beyond the basic capabilities of the spreadsheet and database are other programs of interest to the numismatist. A program by the name of Compu-quote not only keeps track of the United States coins in one's collection but also tracks their prices. Various indepth accounting programs keep track of one's expenses and income, adding and subtracting when necessary. Several programs can in addition plan insurance policies, keep track of investments, and plan how much money to put away for one's child to go to college.

For those numismatists who write articles and letters there is the word processor. The word processor is similar to the typewriter in concept. The user types in text, which can be stored on a disk and can also be edited and proofread before being printed. It saves much of the time and paper that is wasted

using a conventional typewriter.

Telecommunications, or the Communicating between computers over the phone lines, has many possibilities within the hobby of numismatics. Coin dealers exchange bids on coins and other information over computers, similar to what teletypes were once used for. Another plus to telecommunications is that a user can chat with numismatic pals who have computers without speaking a word (kind of like a letter that takes only seconds to arrive at its destination). Also, one can borrow books from the libraries of institutions of higher learning, including the ANA Resource Center. This "electronic mail" is instantaneous, unlike conventional mail, which takes several days to get from one place to another. A numismatist who travels a lot can get airline schedules and prices using telecommunications, which is hardly as time consuming as calling all the airlines in town to get the right flight time at the right price.

If one serves a numismatic organization in any capacity the computer can help you. One can keep lists of members and various information about each individual in the database for the secretary. The treasurer can keep monetary records and have the computer perform calculations in the spreadsheet. The editor of the club's newsletter can use the word processor and desktop publishing programs to put together the club's journal.

The vest-pocket or part-time coin dealer can help his business along with a computer. Not only can one keep track of expenses using a spreadsheet but also keep an inventory using a database. If one's interest is in being a mail-order dealer, desktop publishing can make mailing lists look especially attractive and professional. Desktop publishing allows one to put pictures in documents and arrange text. Several programs give a person the ability to make their own pictures for inclusion in documents, memos, or to stand on their own.

In recommending a computer, I am a little biased. My school uses Apple computers, and I myself own a Macintosh. The Macintosh line is excellent, while the computers of the Apple II line often have little power to run sophisticated programs. IBM computers are respected business computers, though not as user-friendly (easy to use) as the Macintosh, in my opinion. Often a person looking for a computer can find a less expensive clone, or a computer that "speaks" the same language, as a "brand name". There are several IBM clones, including Tandy and Compaq computers. Apple clones include Laser computers. While they "speak" the same language, clones often have less memory than their mentors.

No matter what you decide, you should come up with a winner. Computers aren't scary; in fact they can be extremely helpful to busy numismatists.

SHOW SCHEDULE

September 16 FOND DU LAC

Fond Du Lac Coin Club

American Legion Bldg.

500 Fond Du Lac Avenue

Chairman: Fond Du Lac Coin Club,
P.O. Box 952, Fond Du Lac, WI

September 23 ROCKFORD, IL

Rockford Coin Club

Rockford Inn & Hoffman House

7550 E. State St. (Bus. Rt 20)

Chairman: Ralph Winquest, 1004 C
Street, Rockford, IL 61107

September 28-30 MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

4th & Kilbourn Streets - MECCA

Chairman: Milwaukee Numismatic
Society, P.O. Box 27185,
Milwaukee, WI 53277

October 14 OCONOMOWOC

Cooney Numismatists

Oconomowoc Community Center

Chairman: Roy Jonas, 7511 N.
Shore Dr., Oconomowoc, WI.

October 20 -TOMAH-ELROY-

Tomah coin club

American Legion Club

Elroy, WI.

Chairman: William Rabe, RT. 4,
Box 345, Tomah, WI 54660

October 21 GREEN BAY

Nicolet Coin Club

Midway Motor Lodge

780 Packer Drive

Chairman: Roger A. Bohn, 1345
Ponderosa Ave., Green Bay, 54313

October 27 SHEBOYGAN
Sheboygan Coin Club
Municipal Armory
516 Broughton Drive
Chairman: Edwin Rautmann, 1652
Riverdale Avenue, Sheboygan, WI.

November 10 & 11 WEST BEND
Kettle Moraine Coin & Stamp Club
Paradise Mall
West Bend
Chairman: Kettle Moraine Coin &
Stamp Club, P.O. Box 251, West
Bend, WI 53095

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Chairman: Numismatic Research
Society, Box 254, Oshkosh, WI
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Planning and preparation continue for the magnificent traveling exhibit that the ANA will launch at its 1991 centennial Convention in Chicago. The display "America's Golden Legacy" was conceived by ANA Governor Jim Halperin and given approval by the Board of Governors as a major centennial endeavor.

It will feature specimens of American coinage of the most outstanding quality, rarity and value, along with exciting interpretive and interactive features, and will be made available for display in museums around the country. The Museum's new staff member, Michelle Meyer, will develop and coordinate the exhibit.

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RCM REVEALS NEW ISSUES

The Royal Canadian Mint has revealed its plans for three totally new numismatic programs in the fall of 1990.

An RCM spokesman said more information would be forthcoming, but did relate that the three-proof-only issues would include a set of four pure platinum coins issued in very limited numbers; a series of sterling silver coins entitled "Fifty Years of Powered Flight in Canada," with the first pair of coins saluting the aircraft and aviators of World War II; and a 22-karat gold commemorative coin marking a variety of subjects and events.

RCM's vice president of marketing, Jack Julien, explained how these new coin issues are intended to meet the needs of a changing marketplace.

"In recent months our marketing research activities have told us that the marketplace for collector coins is changing. There are many purchasers who seek prestige quality gifts or who want to make a major investment in coin issues that have total mintages which are very limited. We believe these new issues meet these special demands but at the same time will be of interest to our regular customers as well," he said.

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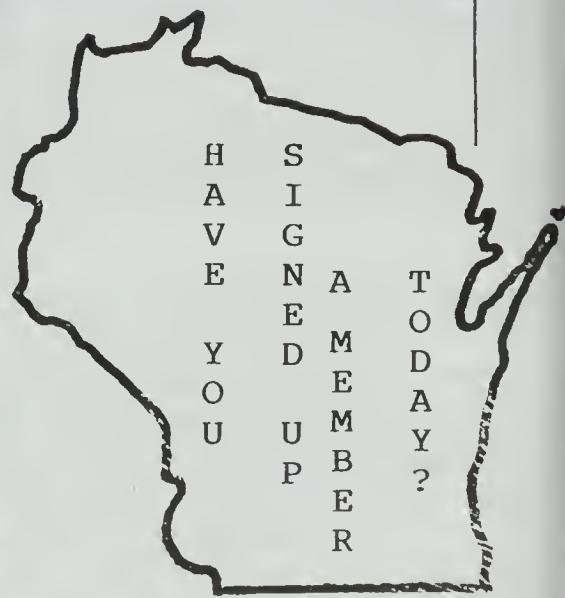
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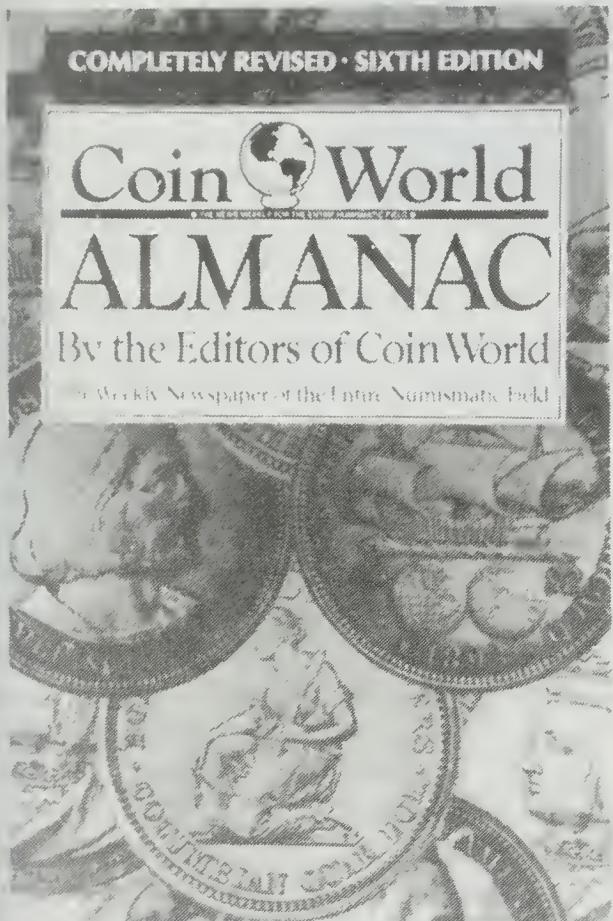
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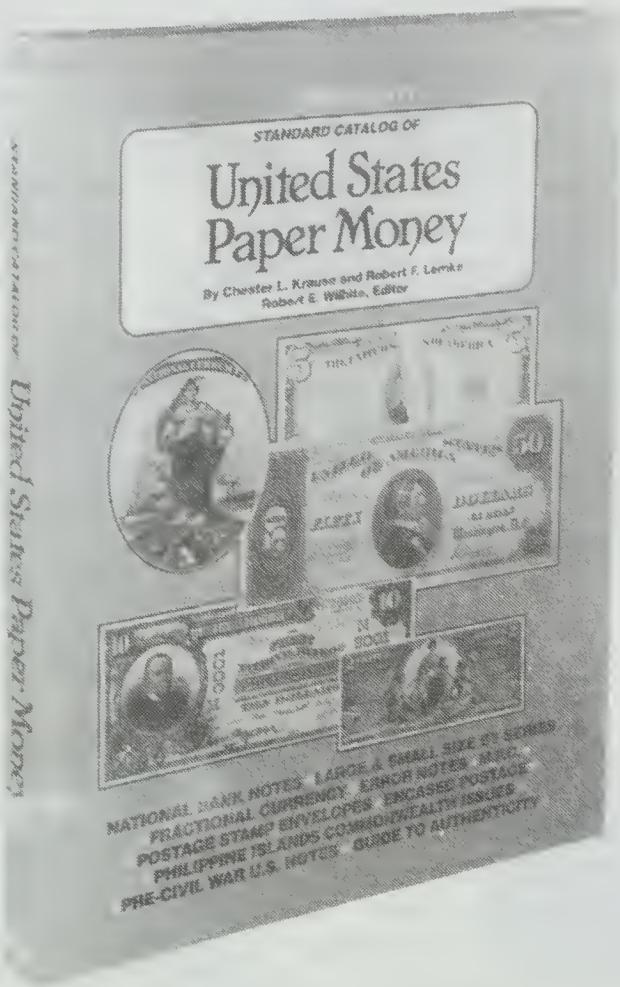
From beginning to end, the new COIN WORLD ALMANAC had been redesigned to aid the researcher. A detailed table of contents speeds you to your area of interest. A completely new chapter has been added to explore in detail the growing collector area of U.S. commemorative coinage. The commemorative chapter is full of easy-to-read listings, historical facts and vital statistics.

The chapter on grading reflects the spectacular growth of third-party grading services, and explores the emerging field of computerized grading. Grading terms and concepts are defined in easy-to-understand language - and how grade affects value is explained.

Recognized leaders in numismatics have contributed to the ALMANAC. Award-winning authors Q. David Bowers and Scott A. Travers offer their experience and insight on investing in coins. David L. Ganz, legislative counsel to the American Numismatic Association since 1978, explores the fascinating and vitally important legislative and legal aspects of numismatics.

The vastly expanded index offers more than 5,000 points of entry to one of the most valuable numismatic references you can own. And in between, facts and figures have been reformatted into easily scannable tables and listings. Among the major highlights - U.S. auction record prices are now listed by denomination in the sixth edition ALMANAC. Up-to-date mintage listings have been reformatted and are easier to use than ever before. Collectors of paper money will appreciate the new table of signature combinations by denomination and issue type, and table of signers of U.S paper money.

HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT A FALL SHOW. CHECK PAGE 16 FOR SHOWS.



STANDARD CATALOG OF UNITED STATES PAPER MONEY

The 9th edition of the "Standard Catalog of United States Paper Money" has just been released. Krause Publications, 700 E. State Street, Iola, WI 54990, \$21.95 plus \$2.50 shipping, U.S. addresses).

Roger Case, Publisher of the Krause Numismatic Division, said "Comprehensive, and easy-to-use are the key words used in describing this latest edition. In addition, the "Standard Catalog of United States Paper Money" provides more than twice

the information of comparable volumes, making it a lesson in hobby economics as well". The 9th edition of this well-received catalog is still the hobby's best bargain. It covers thousands of notes, from the earliest federal government issues -- the rare and desirable pre-Civil War U.S. Treasury notes of 1812 - 1861 --through the current Federal Reserve issues. More than 60 crisp photos clearly illustrate the span of the federally issued paper money of the United States.

Introductions to each major section of the book provide basic historical and economic background about the issuers. It's the only general catalog that provides these listings alphabetically by city and complete with important rarity ratings to help determine values.

"Notes listings in the "Standard Catalog of United States Paper Money" 9th edition are cross-referenced in text and both the denominational sequenced numbering system developed by authors Chester L. Krause and Robert F. Lemke and the time-honored designation originated by the late Robert Freidberg. The dual availability of these reference numbers make it easy for beginners and advanced collectors to determine at a glance, the designs, series and signature combinations of a note referenced in dealer lists, advertisements or other sources according to Roger Case.

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OVER & OUT

As I sit here and look at the calendar I can see by the time you receive this issue of the NOW NEWS, you'll see that summer is almost over. The kids will have gone back to school, or will be shortly. Now is the time to look back on the past summer at the vacation you had. I hope everyone is able to take a short trip of some kind. My wife and I were able to take a wonderful trip out east with my parents. We have relatives that live in West Seneca, NY where we dropped mother & dad off and then with my cousin and his wife, we continued on to Ottawa, Canada. We stayed at the Lord Elgin Hotel which was only a short distance from the places we wanted to visit.

The first stop was at the Royal Canadian Mint where we spent about 3½ hours taking the tour and viewing Jean Bullen's Collection, which is on display there. She has the most complete collection of the 4 Provinces and Canadian Coinage that I've ever seen. It consisted of both obverse and reverse of each coin along with many varieties. As a collector of Canadian coinage, I can only dream to have a set this impressive. It was worth the trip. While still in Ottawa, we visited the National Currency Museum, the Parliament Building, saw the changing of the guards, and other points of interest. We're hoping to visit Ottawa again someday. (An article on the Royal Canadian Mint will appear at a later date.)

Now is the time to look ahead to attend the fall shows and support our local coin clubs by attending the monthly meetings. Also just as a reminder, the State Convention being held on February 17, 1991, the elections will be in the December issue, the ballots will be stapled to that issue.

If you have any news articles or Convention Information, please send it to us by **NOVEMBER 19th**. We would like to get the December issue out a little earlier because we're heard that some of the Madison postal employees may be called to the reserves.

As a footnote, John & Nancy Wilson are chairpersons for the 1991 ANA 10th Anniversary Convention to be held in Chicago. Just maybe all of us from WISCONSIN can have badges of some sort saying we're from Wisconsin and we can all get together one evening for a good party, like in the years past. (just maybe if we twist Dick's arm a little and he attends the convention, he could arrange the get together. OK DICK!)

This is our third issue of NOW NEWS, we're still getting our feet wet. Let us know if you have any suggestions for now.

OVER & OUT

SILVER & GOLD CROWNS COMMEMORATE QUEEN MOTHER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY
BRITAIN'S FIRST GOLD CROWN IN MORE THAN SIXTY YEARS



By Royal Proclamation, the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother will be Commemorated by a striking of magnificent Gold and Sterling Silver Commemorative Crowns by the British Royal Mint. Mintages will be strictly limited for what is likely to be a most popular coin, with only 2,500 22-karat gold proofs and 150,000 sterling silver proofs being authorized worldwide.

For the first time ever, both the gold and silver proof crowns will have the same face value of five pounds. It is also the first time that a British silver crown has had a value other than five shillings. Finally, it is the first time that a gold crown has been struck in more than 60 years.

The Queen Mother has a long association with Canada. Her initial visit with King George VI, in 1939, was the first by a reigning Monarch and Consort. Since then she returned a dozen times to win countless admirers. A beloved figure, not just in Britain but around the world, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother has performed a lifetime of public service. For 16 of those years she was Queen Consort to King George VI including the years of World War II when, refusing to leave London, the couple were an inspiration to the people of Britain and the Commonwealth. Her 90th birthday, on August 4, will be another milestone in a wonderful life.

Born Lady Elizabeth Angela Marguerite Bowes-Lyon, daughter of the 14th Earl of Strathmore, she married Prince Albert, Duke of York, in 1923. Three years later the future Queen of England, the Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary was born. There was little thought of the Prince, second son of George V, becoming King but the abdication in 1936 of elder brother Edward (VIII) Duke of Windsor, meant that the throne was thrust upon him. Choosing his fourth Christian name, King George VI was crowned on May 12, 1937.

The exquisite design of the reverse of the 90th Birthday Crown features a cypher in the form of the letter "E" for Elizabeth in duplicate and interwoven, surmounted by a crown and flanked by a rose and a thistle, a pleasing allusion to the Queen Mother's Scottish Ancestry. The designer is the silversmith Leslie Durbin, who was responsible for the designs

United Kingdom's four
regional one pound coins.

The obverse bears the
Raphael Maklouf portrait of Her
Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
introduced to Britain's
circulating coinage in 1985. The
reverse of both designs is shown
to great advantage with the
double strike proof finish set against
a mirror-like background. Each
silver proof is offered in a
luxurious blue presentation case,
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presented in an elegant pale case
of leather and accompanied by a
Royal Mint Certificate of
Authenticity.

Both gold and silver proofs
have a common diameter of 38.61
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weighs 39.94 grams while the
silver proof has a weight of
22.28 grams.

Prices of the Queen Mother
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ENGRAVED PLAQUES AVAILABLE TO ANA MEMBERS

Engraved plaques mounted on
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members of ANA, replacing the
gold and silver foil paper
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ANA Membership Director
Robin Mathias said, "The change
from paper certificates to these
distinguished engraved plaques
was made so members can show off
their affiliation with the ANA.
We think this is a wonderful
benefit for new and existing
members."

The 5" by 7" plaques have
beveled edges with gold engraving
on an onyx black background for
life members or a burnished grey
background for regular members.

Each plaque is engraved with
the ANA logo, membership
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and membership number, date of
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BRANDT, INC. 1890-1990
100 Years of Innovation

By Kevin Doyle

Have you ever taken a coffee can full of mixed coins to the Bank to be counted? Have you seen the machine the coins were dumped into and then counted... to the penny? (I know, Cent not penny, but penny is the common day usage.) How often do you receive your coin change "untouched" as it rolls down into that little cup next to the register or at the end of the counter? How about the way rolled coins from the bank have that tight, crimped end that lets you see the last coin on each end of the roll? Well, I don't wonder anymore because I work where these machines that accomplish these tasks are manufactured.

Brandt, Inc. is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Here is some Brandt, Inc. Coin Products Division trivia I'd like to share with you:

The Brandt Automatic Cashier was invented by Edward J. Brandt (founder of Brandt, Inc.). He was awarded 3 patents on July 9, 1895 for his then unique coin paying machine that dispensed the exact amount of change by depressing one key. Edward, you see, was the head cashier at the Bank of Watertown. One of his major responsibilities was preparing the employee pay envelopes for the local businesses. Remember, back then a pay envelope contained the week's pay in hard coin (yes,

including gold). It was a tedious job.

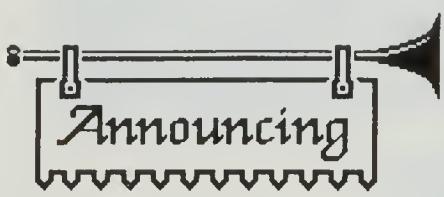
The first Brandt Automatic Cashier was, not surprisingly, sold to the Bank of Watertown (where Mr. Brandt was still head cashier until 1898). This first machine remained in regular use until 1920 when it was repurchased by Brandt, Inc. for promotional usage.

From this entrepreneurial beginning of the Automatic Coin Payer, Brandt, Inc. has evolved to the present company that manufacturers a variety of coin sorters, counters, wrappers, baggers, coin tubes, crimpers, bill straps, currency counters/validators, and cash dispensers on up to cash vault management systems used by banks, casinos, tollways, vending, etc. Anyone who handles large volumes of coins or paper money is probably doing it with Brandt equipment.

As an ending sidelight, all final acceptance testing of Brandt products is done with actual coins whenever possible. Unfortunately, "coin searching" of the test funds for "keepers" is highly frowned upon, but occasionally a silver coin is obtained for face value.

Editor's Note:

Kevin Doyle is employed as an Electronic Engineer in the Quality Control Department of Brandt, Inc. The information for this article was excerpted from the Brandt, Inc. history, 1890-1990 by Charles Wallman, who is author of the book "Edward J. Brandt, Inventor".



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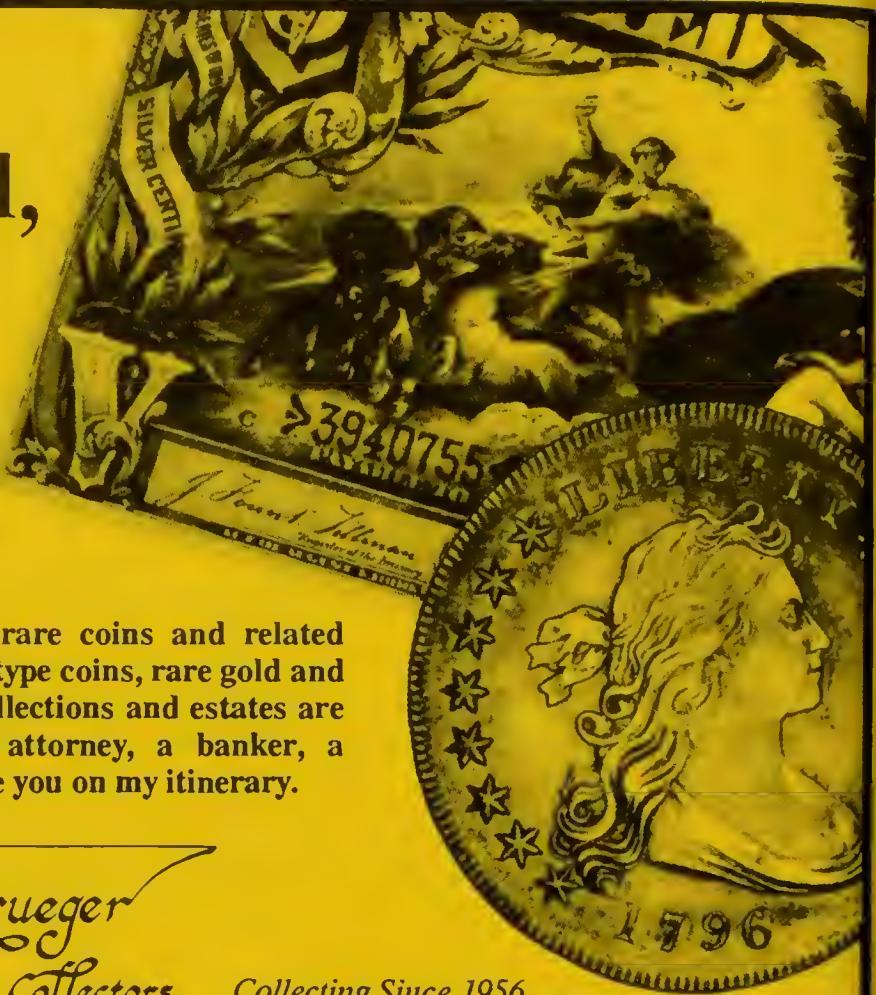
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